

# STEM JOBS ACT

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Entrepreneurship and job creation won't kick into high gear until businesses have the workers they need to drive growth and innovation.

Unfortunately, current immigration laws keep high-achieving foreign graduates out of our workforce. Even after foreign graduates have earned masters and doctoral degrees from top U.S. universities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), where high-skilled workers are desperately needed, they are frequently forced to leave and work for our global competitors.

The STEM Jobs Act helps American businesses drive innovation, grow and create more jobs by providing a pathway for foreign STEM graduates to work in the U.S. and helps keep immigrant families together.

## **Current Burdens On Our Immigration System**

- Our immigration system currently prevents employers from hiring qualified foreign graduates who were educated in America and want to stay here.
- As a result, American companies are facing a shortage of talent when they desperately need trained workers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.
- Additionally, immigrant families are being separated for extended periods of time by the overwhelming backlog in our immigration system.

## **Who The STEM Jobs Act Will Help**

**Students.** Students who come to America seeking advanced degrees from our world class universities will have the opportunity to stay here and contribute to our economy.

- The STEM Jobs Act will award 55,000 visas to foreign graduates of U.S. universities with advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

**Families.** Husbands, wives and young children of immigrant workers will be able to stay with their loved ones in the U.S. while they wait for their own green cards.

- Over 300,000 family members of lawful permanent residents are waiting on backlogged lists to join their spouses or parents in America.

**Workforce.** American employers will be able to stay competitive, grow and create jobs because they will have access to a highly skilled, diverse workforce made up of the best and brightest from around the world.

- While immigrants represent just 13% of the population, last year, they were responsible for launching 28% of all new businesses.
- In 2006, immigrants filled over a quarter of the total patent applications in the U.S. At major American companies like Qualcomm, Merck, GE and Cisco, immigrants contributed to as many as 72% of the patents filed.

## Support for the STEM Jobs Act

### *National Associations*

American Council of Engineering Companies	Apple
American Council on International Personnel	ArcelorMittal USA
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	Atmel Corporation
Business Roundtable	Broadcom
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources	CA Technologies
Compete America Coalition	Cargill, Incorporated
CompTIA	Steve Case and Revolution LLC
Consumer Electronics Association	Caterpillar
CTIA - The Wireless Association	Cisco
Engine Advocacy	Cognizant
HR Policy Association	Concord Servicing Corporation
IEEE-USA	Dell
ImmigrationWorks USA	Freescale Semiconductor
InfoComm International	GlobalFoundries
Information Technology Industry Council	Halliburton
National Association of Manufacturers	Hattery Labs
National Foreign Trade Council	Hewlett-Packard Company
National Marine Manufacturers Association	IBM Corporation
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International	Ingersoll Rand
Semiconductor Industry Association	Intel Corporation
Society for Human Resource Management	Interactive Intelligence, Inc.
Software & Information Industry Association	Ludlum Measurements, Inc.
TechNet	Manor Tool & Mfg. Co.
TechServe Alliance	Mar-Bal, Inc.
Telecommunications Industry Association	Marvell Technology Group
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Maxim Integrated Products
	Meadow Mills, Inc.
	Microsoft Corporation
	ON Semiconductor
	Oracle
	Overstock.com
	Oxford Consulting Group
	Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.
	PMC-Sierra
	Qualcomm
	SBG Technology Solutions
	Sunnyside Corporation
	Teradata Corporation
	Texas Instruments Incorporated
	The ASCII Group, Inc.
	Uniweld Products Inc.
	Xerox

### *Employers*

Adobe  
AGCO Corporation  
Altera Corporation  
AMD

## ***State and Local Associations***

Arizona Technology Council  
Bay Area Council  
Bay Area Council Economic Institute  
CEO Council for Growth  
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce  
Columbus Chamber of Commerce  
CONNECT  
Connecticut Technology Council  
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce &  
Industry  
Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase  
Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Columbia Chamber of  
Commerce  
Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of  
Commerce  
Greater Louisville, Inc  
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of  
Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of  
Commerce  
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Illinois Technology Association  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Joliet Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
New Jersey Technology Council  
New York Technology Council  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Virginia Technology Council  
OCTANe  
Overland Park (KS) Chamber of  
Commerce  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and  
Industry  
Prince William (VA) Chamber of  
Commerce  
Rockford Chamber of Commerce  
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of  
Commerce  
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of  
Commerce  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
South Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Tampa Bay Technology Forum  
Tech Collective (Rhode Island)  
Technology Association of Georgia  
Tempe (AZ) Chamber of Commerce  
The Committee of 100 (Delaware)  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber

